

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

These remarks are in response to a Final Office Action dated 10 June 2005 and Advisory Action dated 1 September 2005. In the Final Office Action dated 10 June 2005, Claims 1, 2-8, 12, 13, 15-18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by USPN 6,252,910 (West, et al.) hereinafter referred to as West. Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6,252,910 (West, et al.) hereinafter referred to as West in view of USPN 5,343,499 (Jasper, et al.). Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6,252,910 (West, et al.) in view of USPN 5,519,730 (Jasper, et al.) hereinafter referred to as Jasper730 as applied to claim above, and further in view of USPN 5,343,499 (Jasper, et al.) hereinafter referred to as Jasper499. In response to the Final Office Action, Applicants filed an amendment after final, but the Examiner did not enter the amendments since the Examiner stated that the amendments raised new issues that would require further search and consideration. Advisory Action dated 1 September 2005. Thus, Applicants file this Request for Continued Examination and preliminary amendment for the Examiner's consideration.

In this preliminary amendment, every claim in Applicants' application has been amended to clarify the invention. Specifically, amendments have been added to limit the claims to "random access subslots." Support for this limitation is found in the Title of the Invention and in a number of other places in Applicants' application. Thus, no new matter is added by the amendments.

None of the cited art teaches or suggests the claims (as amended). West does not teach or suggest "random access subslots" as the claimed invention requires. Since such a limitation is not taught or suggested by West either alone or in combination with Jasper (including Jasper730 and Jasper499), a rejection over West and/or West in view of Jasper should be withdrawn. As such, the Applicants believe that the subject application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicants. In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

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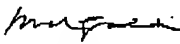
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